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POLICY IN AREA

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. THE PACE OF U.S. DIPLOMACY IN ME IS DESCRIBED
AS STILL VERY ACTIVE DESPITE FAILURE OF KISSINGER'S MISSION.
KISSINGER IS SAID TO BE "HIGHLY REGARDED" IN EGYPT. CONGRESS IS
CRITICIZED FOR TWO RECENT "ATTACKS" -- THE LETTER FROM 76
SENATORS TO PRESIDENT FORD AND ATTEMPTS TO AMEND MILITARY AID
LEGISLATION IN ORDER TO GIVE ISRAEL UNLIMITED ARMS ASSISTANCE ON
LONG-TERM BASIS. END SUMMARY.

2. LENINGRAD ZNANIYE (KNOWLEDGE) SOCIETY PROPAGANDIST YURIY
FEDOROVICH SMIRNOV COMMENTED ON U.S. POLICY IN MIDDLE EAST AS
PART OF OVERALL PRESENTATION ON INTERNATIONAL SCENE EVENING JUNE
4. FOLLOWING IS ACCOUNT OF HIS REMARKS.

3. KISSINGER'S UNSUCCESSFUL MISSION IN ME WAS GREETED WITH GREAT
DISAPPOINTMENT IN WASHINGTON; HOWEVER, AREA VERY IMPORTANT FOR
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U.S. AND PACE OF U.S. DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY STILL VERY ACTIVE.

U.S. STILL SEEKS REGULARIZATION OF AREA ON TERMS THAT SERVE U.S.

NATIONAL AND GLOBAL INTERESTS. PRESIDENT FORD SAID HE IS RE-EXAMINING ME POLICY, BUT KISSINGER STILL TRYING TO CAUSE SPLIT BETWEEN EGYPT AND OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES. KISSINGER ENJOYS HIGH REGARD IN EGYPT WHERE THEY ATTRIBUTE FAILURE OF HIS MISSION TO LACK OF ISRAELI SUPPORT. BUT FAILURE OF MISSION FORCED U.S. TO AGREE TO RESUMPTION OF GENEVA CONFERENCE, NOT BEFORE THIS AUTUMN. GROMYKO AND KISSINGER MEETING IN VIENNA SHOWED THAT U.S. NOW WELL UNDERSTANDS THAT IT CANNOT DECIDE FUTURE OF AREA WITHOUT IMPORTANT SOVIET ROLE. BUT ONE SEES KISSINGER STILL CLEVERLY CONTINUING HIS BILATERAL DIPLOMACY.

4. U.S. CONGRESS HAS RECENTLY LAUNCHED TWO ATTACKS AGAINST REGULARIZATION OF AREA. FIRST WAS LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD SIGNED BY 76 SENATORS, CALLING ON HIM TO RENOUNCE SO-CALLED BALANCED POLICY. SECOND WAS ATTEMPTS TO AMEND MILITARY AID LEGISLATION IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ISRAEL WITH UNLIMITED ARMS ASSISTANCE ON LONG-TERM BASIS. EVEN PENTAGON DIDN'T ASK FOR THIS. MANY CIRCLES ASK WHAT FORD'S WORDS ABOUT REEXAMINING ME POLICY ARE WORTH WHEN CONGRESS TAKING THESE ACTIONS. FORD'S REACTION TO LETTER WAS TO SAY HE WAS "VERY HAPPY TO ACCEPT ANY LETTER FROM CONGRESS."

5. ZIONIST FORCES IN AMERICA VERY ACTIVE. ONE IMPORTANT AIM OF IMPERIALIST PROPAGANDA IN ME IS TO CREAT DIVISIONS BETWEEN SOVIET UNION AND ARAB COUNTRIES. EXAMPLE OF THIS IS MAY 24 REPORT PUBLISHED IN EGYPTIAN PAPER AL-AHRAM THAT KOSYGIN'S VISIT TO LIBYA PRODUCED AGREEMENT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF SOVIET NAVAL BASE AND BILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF SOVIET ASSISTANCE. THIS WAS FANTASY AND SIMPLY NOT SO.
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